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- v) converting at least a portion of the 650°F- containing fraction to distillate fuel at the Fischer Tropsch synthesis site,
 - vi) disassembling at least a portion of the equipment in step i),
 - vii) transporting at least a portion of those parts of vi) to a second remote natural gas field, and
 - viii) assembling a Fischer-Tropsch synthesis plant at the second remote natural gas field comprising at least a portion the parts in step vii), and
- b) converting the 650°F+ containing fraction to a lube base stock.
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11. (Amended) The process of claim 10, further comprising receiving a portion of the 650°F- containing fraction at the second site(s) and converting at least a portion of said fraction to a distillate fuel composition.
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19. (Twice Amended) A process for receiving a Fischer-Tropsch product from converted natural gas wherein the Fischer Tropsch conversion is done at multiple remote locations, said process comprising:
- a) receiving a product manufactured by:
 - i) setting up a Fischer Tropsch synthesis plant at a first remote location, wherein the plant comprises a syngas generator, a Fischer-Tropsch reactor and equipment for isolating various products from the Fischer-Tropsch reactor, and wherein the first remote location has a natural gas source,
 - ii) converting natural gas at the first remote location to syngas,
 - iii) converting the syngas to products via Fischer-Tropsch synthesis,
 - iv) disassembling at least a portion of the equipment in step i),
 - v) transporting the disassembled equipment to a second remote location,
 - vi) setting up a Fischer Tropsch synthesis plant at the second remote location using the disassembled equipment of step iv), and
 - vii) repeating steps ii) to iii) at the second remote location, and
 - b) refining the received product.

20. (Twice Amended) A method for manufacturing hydrocarbon products from remote natural gas fields, comprising:
- a) setting up a plant to convert natural gas to hydrocarbon products at a first remote natural gas field wherein the plant comprises readily disassembleable and reassembleable components, and wherein the plant converts natural gas to hydrocarbon products,
 - b) converting natural gas to hydrocarbon products at the first remote natural gas field until the supply of natural gas is substantially depleted,
 - c) disassembling those parts of the plant which are readily disassembled,
 - d) transporting at least a portion of those parts of c) to a second remote natural gas field and,
 - e) assembling a plant at the second remote natural gas field comprising at least a portion of the parts in step d).

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3-16 and 18-20 are pending with claim 1, 10, 19 and 20 being independent. Claims 2, and 21-23 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, claims 1, 3, 10, 11, 19 and 20 have been amended to even more clearly recite and distinctly claim Applicant's invention and to pursue an early allowance. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, including for example, at page 3, lines 19-20 and page 5, lines 10-15. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

The undersigned initially wishes to thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesies extended during the personal interview conducted for this application on March 24, 2003. The Interview Summary provided by Examiner Nguyen accurately reflects the discussions held which are also reflected in the Remarks below. As discussed during the interview, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any outstanding issues following this response.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections in view of the discussions held at the interview and the forgoing amendments and following remarks.